



# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: April 11, 2006

SUBJECT: Miami Beach Receives Prestigious Transparent Budget Award

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission is to announce the City's receipt of The Performance Institute's Transparent Budget Award at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual City and County Performance Summit (CCPS) in Las Vegas, Nevada held on March 6-8, 2006.

The City of Miami Beach was presented with the Transparent Budget Award, which honors City and County governments that have implemented innovative management practices and brought dynamic results for their citizens. The award recognizes municipalities that have integrated performance data into budgets and increased transparency for cost of government service. The City received this recognition for incorporating the community priorities and needs identified through the Community Satisfaction Survey into the budget process.

The Performance Institute identifies, studies and disseminates the leading management innovations pioneered by "best-in-class" organizations. A strictly non-partisan organization, The Performance Institute serves as the nation's leading repository of thoroughly researched, documented, catalogued and peer-reviewed "best practices" in a multitude of issue areas.

Transparency, particularly in the budget process, is one of the most important principles in government. I am proud to announce the City's receipt of this award, especially as it recognizes our continued efforts to align our budgetary resources with our strategic priorities.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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